

PROCLAMATION.

State of South Carolina—Executive Department.

1. Whereas, heretofore petitions have been filed with the Governor of this State and signed by more than one-third of the qualified electors of certain portions of Abbeville, Greenwood and Edgefield Counties proposed to be cut off to form a new county styled and called McDuffie County and embraced within the following lines, to-wit:

2. Beginning at a point on the South Carolina-Georgia line in the Savannah River, opposite the mouth of Coffey Creek, thence a straight line, N. 45 degrees E. 25,728 feet to the forks of roads at Riley's; thence, the public road, in an easterly direction to Island Ford Bridge over Little River; thence, continuing 6,978 feet to the fork of the road; thence, turning to the east, following the right hand road to the south fork of Little River, known as White's Creek; thence, a straight line S. 85 degrees, 30 minutes E. 23,800 feet to a point in the road near Clatworthy's cross roads; thence, a straight line N. 78 degrees, 15 minutes, E. 15,700 feet to a point on the Greenwood-Abbeville county line; in a southerly direction to its intersection with the C. & W. C. Railway, about one mile south of Troy; thence, a straight line north 58 degrees east 5,000 feet to a stake, south of the incorporated limits of Troy; thence, a straight line N. 46 degrees E. 19,659 feet to a stake on the Abbeville, Edgefield public road; thence, the said Abbeville, Edgefield public road in a southerly direction to a road opposite the Jabe Stone place; thence, N. 44 degrees, 30 minutes E. 7,200 feet to a stake; thence, a straight line S. 83 degrees E. 13,361 feet to a stake near or at Callison's old mill on Cuffytown Creek; thence, up the run of said creek to the Callison-Kirksey township line; thence, the said township line in an easterly direction to the Martintown road; thence, the said Martintown road in a southeasterly direction to the Greenwood-Edgefield county line; thence, the said Greenwood-Edgefield county line in a westerly direction to a stake about one quarter of a mile west of the old White place; thence, a straight line south 13 degrees East 10,978 feet to a stake; thence, a straight line S. 77 degrees W. 3,750 feet to a stake; thence, a straight line S. 13 degrees E. 8,522 feet to a pine; thence, a straight line S. 35 degrees 45 minutes E. 20,400 feet to Cocoran Bridge on Turkey Creek; thence, a straight line S. 26 degrees 30 minutes E. 16,800 feet to a point where a branch crosses a public road; thence, a straight line S. 59 degrees 30 minutes W. 27,908 feet to the run of Big Stevens Creek; thence, down the run of Big Stevens Creek to a stake; thence, a straight line S. 50 degrees W. 22,826 feet to the South Carolina-Georgia State line in the Savannah River; thence, the said South Carolina-Georgia State line in a northerly direction to the beginning point.

3. Whereas, the boundaries of the proposed new county, the number of inhabitants, the taxable property, as well as all other requirements of the Constitution and Statutes have been found and are as set forth in said petition.

4. Whereas, the report of the commissioners, appointed to ascertain the facts as provided for by law constitution and statutes as to area, distance, wealth and population and shape, et cetera, are complied with and are as stated in the petition, has been filed in this office, wherein it appears that the law has been fully complied with in every particular, which is hereby confirmed.

5. Whereas, no election had been held upon said petition in said area upon the question of the formation of such new county, upon the name thereof and the location of the county seat therein.

6. Whereas, under the Constitution and laws of this State the petitioners are entitled to have ordered and it is made the duty of the Governor of the State to order an election in said area upon said questions.

7. Whereas, an opportunity to be heard was given to both proponents and opponents of said proposed new county, and proponents of the new county and their counsel appeared in response to said notice, and some written communication in opposition thereto was received and considered but no person appeared in opposition thereto.

8. NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard I. Manning, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of this State do hereby order:

That an election be held in the territory embraced within the proposed new county on the second Tuesday, the 14th day of December, A. D., 1915, upon the question of creating the said new county and that at such election the qualified electors within the proposed area shall vote upon said question, those favoring the proposed new county to vote "yes" and those opposed to vote "no."

9. That the Commissioners of State and County elections of the Counties of Abbeville, Greenwood Edgefield respectively make all necessary arrangements for holding said election and shall appoint managers and do all things necessary for the holding of the same.

10. That the Commissioners of Election of each of said counties shall have prepared printed tickets as provided for in Section 236 in the Code of Laws, 1912, Vol. 1, as amended by an act passed by the General Assembly at its special session in 1914, and approved the 30th day of Oct., 1914, said act being No. 6 in the acts of said special ses-

tion; and the said commissioners shall furnish the same to the managers of election for the use of the voters at said election. The form of the ticket shall be as follows:

FORM OF BALLOT.

Special election upon the question of the formation of a new county out of parts of Abbeville, Edgefield and Greenwood Counties, held December 14th, 1915.

Shall the new county be formed?
Yes.
No.

What shall be its name?
Where shall the county seat be located?

11. That at said election the question of a name and a county seat for said proposed new county shall also be submitted to the said qualified electors.

12. That said election shall be held and conducted under the same rules and regulations as provided for by law for regular and general elections. That the commissioners of election shall appoint managers of election as provided for by law, who shall be sworn before entering upon the discharge of their duties as provided for by law, and they shall open and close the polls as provided for by law. In case no voting place now established by law shall exist in any part of the territory by reason of the voting place of the voters residing in this territory being on the outside of the lines of the proposed new county, the commissioners of election shall in that event open the regular and usual voting place for these voters on the outside of the territory of the proposed new county and the election shall be otherwise conducted there just the same as if the said voting place were located on the inside of the territory of the proposed new county; provided, however, the managers of election shall be careful not to allow any one to vote at said voting place unless he resides and lives within the territory of the proposed new county, and be otherwise qualified to vote at such election according to law.

The managers of election when the polls shall have been closed shall proceed without interruption to count and tabulate the same; they shall make a written return of the number of votes cast for and against the formation of the new county, as well as upon the name thereof, and the location of the county seat therein; they shall sign, seal and certify to the managers the result of said election; the same together with the ballot box, ballots and poll lists and everything else appertaining to said election shall be by them forthwith turned over to the commissioners of election as required by law; that the commissioners of election for each of said old counties shall as provided by law tabulate the vote and declare the result of the election and make due and proper return thereof as required by law to the Clerk of the Court of their respective counties, to the Governor of the State and to the Secretary of State, in all of which careful and detailed compliance with the law is enjoined and ordered.

13. That the commissioners of election of each of the old counties do forthwith inform J. E. Bradley, Secretary and Treasurer of the petitioners seeking to form said new

county of the amount of money necessary to cover the costs of the expenses of said election, and the said J. E. Bradley, as treasurer, shall forthwith deposit with the Clerks of Court of each of the respective old counties said amount so designated by said commissioners and any other and further amount which may be necessary under the law to meet and defray the expenses of said election as provided for by law.

14. That the board of registration for Greenwood county, for the purposes of said special election and in view of the fact that the Legislature has established two new polling places in Greenwood county within the territory proposed to be cut off from said county, wherein heretofore no voting places have existed, to-wit: at B. C. Talbert's store in Troy township and at T. B. Bell's in Callison township, do afford an opportunity to all the qualified electors in said area where heretofore as aforesaid no polling places have existed, to register or transfer to said two polling places provided no transfer or registration shall be made by said board within thirty days of the date upon which said election is ordered to be held; and provided further, that the law governing transfers and registration be carefully observed in this matter. The said commissioners shall provide the usual books of registration for said two new polling places and furnish the same to the managers of election for said voting places on the day of the election as provided for by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia, this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen, of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

RICHARD I. MANNING,
Gov. of the State of South Carolina.
By the Governor:
R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Let every member be present for last communion service of my pastorate which is to be next Sunday morning. Sermon also. Everybody invited.

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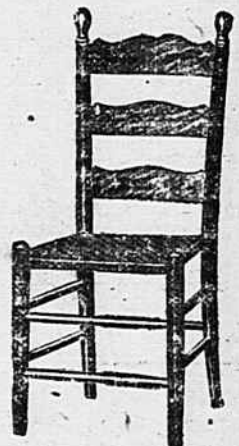
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